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CURRICULUM RETREAT HELD

The Department of Library and Information Studies held a curriculum review retreat at the Woodstock Conference Center on September 5. It was attended by all DLIS full-time and part-time faculty members, as well as alumni/ae and a student representative. The discussion focused on the relationship of the department's curriculum to its goals and objectives. The facilitator was Professor Nancy Vedral of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. The role of the library school in preparing professional librarians for future developments was also covered. Participants were generally satisfied that the Department of Library and Information Studies offers a broad-based program that adequately prepares its graduates for employment in the library profession.

CAROL TRUETT JOINS FACULTY

The Department of Library and Information Studies welcomes Carol Truett as a full-time faculty member, specializing in children's and school librarianship. She replaces Jill Locke, who left NIU following the spring semester to accept a position at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

Truett received her Ph.D., M.L.S., and B.S. from the University of Texas at Austin. Her Ph.D. is in community college leadership. She has been a media specialist in San Antonio, an adjunct faculty member at Purdue University-Calumet, and a full-time faculty member at the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Hawaii. She also has other substantial library and teaching experience.

Currently, Truett is on the Intellectual Freedom Committee of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology, the Communication and Public Relations Committee of the Association for Library and Information Science Education, the Research Committee of the American Association of School Librarians, and the Advisory Committee on Teacher Education at Northern Illinois University. This semester, she is teaching classes in children's services, young adult literature, and selection of library materials.

CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION

The renovation project at NIU is well under way. Beautification of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Commons, between Founder's Memorial Library and the Holmes Student Center, should be completed by mid-November. Changes in the Commons include the removal of Wirtz House and the planting of evergreens, shrubs, and sod.

The Department of Library and Information Studies is undergoing some changes of its own. Adams Hall has been newly painted and carpeted. Additionally, repairs to the elevator, which has been out of service for some time, are now taking place. The elevator will receive a wider door and will make DLIS facilities accessible to the disabled.

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE INSTITUTE

Northern Illinois University will host the Eleventh Annual Children's Literature Institute, entitled "Many Cultures, Many Voices: Children's Literature for a Diverse Society," to be held March 15-16 at the Holmes Student Center. Exploring the importance of conveying to children an appreciation of cultural diversity through literature will be the focus of the Institute.

Nine speakers are scheduled to participate. Carmen Aguilar, storyteller and actress, has received funding from many arts organizations. She has done much work with Hispanic children and young

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adults. Barbara Elleman, editor of Book Links, will discuss books of cultural significance for children. Author Jamake Highwater is the general director of the annual Native Arts Festival, and founder of the Native Land Foundation, which is devoted to the celebration of world mythology and folklore. Emily Kelley is the editorial director at Carolrhoda Books. She will discuss considerations of editing and publishing culturally diverse materials. Milton Meltzer is an author specializing in the immigrant history of various ethnic groups in America. Illustrator Jerry Pinkney has received the Coretta Scott King Award, the Caldecott Honor Award, and the Caldecott Honor Book. Author Mildred Pitts Walter has received the Coretta Scott King Award, and the Coretta Scott King Honor Book. Her works portray the lives of African-American children. Morton Schindel, founder of Weston Woods Studios, will discuss a multimedia approach to cultural diversity. Finally, Lawrence Yep, author of Dragonwings, will present an Asian-American view of children's literature. Dragonwings is a Newbery Honor Book, an ALA Notable Children's Book, and a recipient of the International Reading Association's Children's Book Award.

The Institute is cosponsored by the Department of Library and Information Studies, the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, and Continuing Education. The registration deadline is March 1, 1991.

SUMMER COLLOQUIUM 1990

The Department of Library and Information Studies held its summer colloquium on June 27. Karen Nelson Hoyle of the University of Minnesota presented lectures entitled "Special Library Collections: The Kerlan Collection as it Relates to Special Library Collections" and "Award Winning Children's Books Found in the Kerlan Collection." Hoyle is the curator of the Kerlan Collection, which contains 31,000 volumes of children's literature, including first editions, illustrations for children's books, Newbery and Caldecott award and honor books and their translations, Mildred L. Batchelor award nominees in original and U.S. editions, and some handwritten manuscripts. It was noted that modern word processing will make handwritten materials more rare.

The presentation was highlighted by a slide display showing photographs not only of the Kerlan Collection, but of special collections of children's literature all over the world. Slides of Caldecott and Newbery award winners were also shown. Following the lectures, Hoyle took questions from the audience.

FALL COLLOQUIUM 1990

The fall colloquium was held on Friday, September 21, and featured Nancy Van House, Associate Professor in the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of California, Berkley. She has been a member of the faculty since 1981. Van House also received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from that school.

Her presentations were entitled "Performance Measures in Public and Academic Libraries: Benefits of Measurement" and "Application of Performance Measures in Academic Libraries and How to Use the Manual." The seminar was attended by the academic libraries class, who found the lectures informative and relevant to their studies.

NEW DEPARTMENT COMPUTER

The Department of Library and Information Studies has received a new computer to go online to OCLC. It is expected to operate much faster than the previous model, and will be especially helpful to the cataloging classes. The computer should be ready to use by November 16, 1990.

SULLIVAN NAMED LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Peggy Sullivan, Dean of the College of Professional Studies and Professor in Library and Information Studies, has been named interim director of the University Libraries. She will hold the post for two years. Sullivan succeeds Steven Marquardt, who accepted a position at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. James Lankford will be Acting Dean of the College of Professional Studies.

LISA NOTES

LISA (Library and Information Students' Association), is planning an end-of-the-semester party, open to all DLIS students. Another activity that has been suggested is a T-shirt sale. Meetings will be held later in the semester to discuss final arrangements.

In response to student requests, LISA plans to print a department guide to be made available to students who desire it. The guide will include a description of computer equipment available in the department for student use. Other equipment which may be beneficial to the students will also be included

BUSINESS CARDS REQUESTED

Are you represented on our alumni/ae bulletin board? Graduates of the DLIS are encouraged to send their business cards to be posted in the department. The cards serve to inform students where our graduates are employed.

We have received cards from librarians in all types of libraries, from all over the country. If you are a graduate of NIU's Department of Library and Information Studies, please mail your business cards to the Department of Library and Information Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115.

FACULTY UPDATE

PATRICIA CANNON, Assistant Professor, attended a four-day faculty workshop during the June interim session on the PC version of the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences. The workshop was held on campus at NIU and was sponsored by NIU's Social Science Research Institute. Also in June, she attended the annual conference of the American Library Association, held in Chicago. She will have an article on nonusers of academic library reference services published in an upcoming issue of The Reference Librarian and is completing articles on collection development and on the influence of commuting "buddies" on student retention in graduate library schools. This fall, she is teaching an extra course for the College of Professional Studies for the second time. The class, for new undergraduates includes an orientation to college, plus time management and study skills.

DEANNE HOLZBERLEIN, Associate Professor, developed a three-hour course on Nonbook Cataloging and offered it in August. There was much feedback from all involved and the class will be modified when new course proposals are made. During the summer she used Word Perfect 5.1's graphics program to upgrade the cataloging manual. Also this summer, she attended the American Library Association annual conference in Chicago. In October she spent one weekend attending the Illinois Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers with her husband, who is president of the organization. Rewriting of her filing manual is progressing.

COSETTE KIES, Chair and Professor, presented a paper entitled "V. C. Andrews: Best Selling Author even after Death" at the Midwest Popular Culture Association conference in Toledo. She was also a panel member for the discussion "Determining Personnel and Staffing Needs," presented at the North Suburban Library Association meeting in Wheeling, IL. Her article "The Devil's Recipe for Teenage Horror Fiction," from Voice of Youth Advocates, was reprinted in The VOYA Reader, published by Scarecrow in 1990. Work is well under way on the second edition of her book Supernatural Fiction for Teens to be published by Libraries Unlimited.

DAVID SHAVIT, Associate Professor, took a sabbatical during the spring semester to work on projects. He also gave a speech on the politics of librarianship at the South Suburban Library Association Meeting in Burbank, IL on October 3, 1990.

ANDREW TOROK, Associate Professor, presented workshops on micrographics basics in Chicago and documentation and technical writing in Wheaton. He also presented workshops on coping with problem patrons to the staffs of the Indian Trails Public Library District and the Oak Lawn Public Library. His publications included 10 book reviews of technical

reference books for American Reference Books Annual 1990. He attended the Special Libraries Association-sponsored "How to Work Smarter" in Denver, the annual meeting of the American Library Association in Chicago, the annual meeting of the American Society for Indexers in Chicago, and a one-day training course in BRS Online Searching. Field trips with students include visits to two Special Library Association meetings, an Information Dimensions' BASISPlus seminar, Microfilm Information Systems, and Nichols Library in Naperville, IL to study the Dynix automated system. He also arranged for several students to help Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory Library with barcoding books for their new automated system.

CAROL TRUETT, Assistant Professor, attended the American Library Association annual conference in Chicago. Her book Microcomputer Software Sources: A Guide for Buyers, Librarians, Programmers, Business People and Educators was published by Libraries Unlimited. She also wrote a chapter that was included in Weeding and Maintenance of Reference Collections, published by Haworth Press. She has had numerous articles published, including "Microcomputer Facilities in Schools: A Review," "A New Resource for Teachers and Librarians," and "CD-ROM Comes of Age in the High School Media Center: Teaching Research Skills," all in recent issues of The Computing Teacher. "CD-ROM Here and Now: Selecting Worthy Titles" appeared in the January/February issue of Media and Methods. She also reviewed PC Hardware and Systems Implementation: A Reference for American Reference Books Annual 1990.

DECEMBER GRADUATE

The following graduate was inadvertently omitted from the spring newsletter. We apologize for the error.

Leckbee, Robin C. "A Time Study of Videocassette Cataloging Within the Standards of AACR2."

MAY GRADUATES

The following is a list of the May, 1990 graduates and their 571 research paper titles.

Campbell, Sharon H. "Geographic Distribution of LSCA Title I Grants in the State of Illinois, FY 1985-1990."

Carlson, Christine. "Resources and Services for Young Adults in the Public Libraries of the DuPage Library System."

Cheek, Belinda. "The Pygmalion Effect and the Supervision of Student Assistants in Small College Libraries."

Collins, Kelly L.K. "Governmental Intervention in American Libraries: The Opposing Responses of ALA and NCLIS."

Culm, Joan A. "Comparison of the Level of Job Satisfaction Among Public Library Personnel Employed at Libraries with and without Merit Pay."

Denner, Susan C. "A Study of Influences Operating in Children's Decisions to Use a Public Library."

Dresbach, Debra. "The Effect on Circulation Patterns By Displays of Selected Children's Books."

Evans, Jean D. "A Study of Information Needs of Recovering Adult Children of Alcoholics."

Joswick, Kathleen E. "A Comparison of OCLC and Illinet Online as Tools for Pre-order Citation Verification."

Klein, Angkana. "A Study of the Practices and Expectations of the Precise Romanization of the Thai Language in On-line Cataloging."

Maine, Valerie. "Twenty-five Years of Top Ten Nonfiction Hardcover Bestsellers 1965-1989."

May, Pamela. "Young Adult Literacy: Too Little, Too Late."

Murphy, Pamela C. "Methodology Development for Evaluating BLOC Gift Collections Using OCLC."

Murphy, Paul. "Research in the Use of LCS/IO Interlibrary Borrowing Data for Collection Analysis at UIMC Medical Library."

Paulson, Avis. "The Moline Public Library, 1872-1878: The Founders and the Community."

Piquett, Charles D. "The Inclusion of Emerging Information Technologies in Periodical Indexes: The Hypercard Example."

Strunk, Susan. "Young Toddler Storytime at the Downers Grove Public Library: A Case Study."

Vlk, Barbara V. "Acquisitions Delivery Measurements at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library."

SUMMER GRADUATES

The following is a list of the August, 1990 graduates and their 571 research paper titles.

Blanchard, Robert T. "A Study of Gender Among Graduates of American Library Association-Accredited Schools."

Capan, Mary Ann. "A Study of the Effect of Booktalk Presentations of Selected Titles on the Circulation of These Titles in a Junior High School Library."

Cooper, Margaret E. "Participation by Sixth Grade Students in the Summer Reading Program at the Batavia Public Library."

Devinney, Karen J. "Use of Special Programs, Activities and Contests in Elementary School Libraries to Motivate Students to Read Books."

Geller, Linda G. "Online Reference Courses in U.S. ALA-Accredited Programs."

Haas, John A. "The Proportion of Academic Science Librarians with Science Degrees: A Comparison of the Years 1980/81 and 1987/88."

Hewitt, Carolyn C. "Study of Online Library Catalog Use By Fifth Grade Students at the McCarty School Branch of the Aurora Public Library."

Hutchinson, Judith. "Changes in Resource Sharing Patterns Among Libraries in the River Bend Library System Since Automation to CLSI, FY1985 to FY1989."

McCreight, Penny E. "Principal Factors Indicating Readers' Advisory Services in Public Libraries: Development of a Checklist."

McReynolds, Diane. "Bibliographic Instruction in the Public Libraries of the DuPage Library System."

Meyer, R. Allen. "A Comparative Analysis of Juvenile Book Reviews."

O'Keefe, Grace. "Factors Influencing Book Selection in a Private Law Firm Library."

Prichard, Nancy K. "Faculty/ Administrator Perceptions of Library Services at West Aurora High School, Aurora, Illinois."

Roos, Barbara S. "Censorship and the ACSI School Library."

Shipp, Carol J. "The Effects of Advertising on Library Acquisitions."

Tisch, Anat S. "A Study of the Youths of Wilmette, Illinois, to Determine Their Service Needs and Perceptions of the Wilmette Public Library."

Truemper, Pamela A. "User Needs of Fox Valley Villages Branch Library, Aurora, Illinois."

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